

February 16, 2010

Janet Frasier Blumen
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Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow
1931 Stella Lake Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Re: Self-Sufficiency Empowerment Program – Standards of Excellence Project

Dear Ms. Blumen:

I am pleased to offer our support of your proposal through the Department of Labor for funding to support the Self-Sufficiency Empowerment Program of the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT). As Executive Director of *workforce CONNECTIONS* I am aware of the unparalleled contributions FIT makes to our community.

Through this program, you have assisted many underemployed and unemployed Southern Nevadans to reach the goal of employment and self-sufficiency. We agree with your prediction for the need for expansion of your current program, and specifically the Standards of Excellence Project, because of the increasing demand for the services FIT provides in Southern Nevada.

Southern Nevada is clearly in need of the program that FIT is offering, and by expanding the Standards of Excellence Project your combined efforts of educational services, supportive services, and skills-teaching, will provide a framework for true self-sufficiency for many low-income and unemployed families.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


John Ball
Executive Director